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SUBJECT: ONTARIO FUEL OIL SITUATION

1. TORONTO STAR AND GLOBE AND MAIL BOTH SEPT. 20 (FRONT PAGE NEWS STORY) AND 21 (EDITORIAL) HAVE CLAIMED THAT "WITH WINTER ONLY MONTHS AWAY, UNITED STATES OIL COMPANIES CUT OFF HOME HEATING OIL TO TRADITIONAL EXPORT MARKETS IN ONTARIO BECAUSE OF AN OIL SHORTAGE IN THE UNITED STATES."

2. ACCORDING EDITORIAL, NATIONAL ENERGY BOARD, FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND CANADIAN OIL INDUSTRY, BY SCRAMBLING TO DRAW UP EMERGENCY PLAN, JUGGLING REFINERY PRODUCTION SCHEDULES AND CAPACITIES, HAVE BARELY AVERTED ONTARIO SHORTAGE FOR THIS WINTER.

3. IT IS ALLEGED, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT LIQUIFUELS LTD., NONINTEGRATED OIL JOBBER WITH 20 PERCENT OF ONTARIO MARKET, WAS CUT OFF BY MOBIL, STANDARD AND ATLANTIC RICHFIELD CARIBBEAN REFINERIES BECAUSE THEY WERE REQUIRED TO SUPPLY THEIR PARENT COMPANIES IN THE U.S.

4. LIQUIFUELS' PRESIDENT CARMICHAEL IS REPORTED AS
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